Claim 6 (Canceled).

- 7. (Previously presented) The disk enclosure of claim [4, wherein the second plurality of elements includes at least one of a second temperature sensor, a second memory, and a second backplane controller.
- 8. (Previously presented) The disk enclosure of claim 7, wherein the second backplane controller is coupled to a second port bypass circuit, the second port bypass circuit operable to bypass a second disk drive.

9. (Withdrawn) The disk enclosure of claim 5, wherein:

the first enclosure controller is coupled to a fifth bus;

the second enclosure controller is further coupled to a sixth bus;

a third switch coupled between the fifth bus and a seventh bus, the third switch operable to de-couple the fifth and the seventh buses when the voltage output from the first voltage circuit falls below the predetermined threshold; and

a fourth switch coupled between the sixth bus and the seventh bus, the fourth switch operable to de-couple the sixth and seventh buses when the voltage output from the second voltage circuit falls below the predetermined threshold.

10. (Withdrawn) The disk enclosure of claim 9, wherein the seventh bus is further coupled to a third plurality of elements.

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11. (Withdrawn) The disk enclosure of claim 10, wherein the third plurality of elements includes at least one of a third temperature sensor, a third memory, a third backplane controller, and an I/O expander.

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12. (Withdrawn) The disk enclosure of claim 11, wherein the I/O expander is coupled to at least one battery.

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13. (Withdrawn) The disk enclosure of claim 11, wherein the I/O expander is coupled to at least one power supply.

Claims 14 to 26 (Canceled).

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